

Appendix 1 – Open Forum submissions

Open Forum Submission Date	Submission Received From	Key Issues Raised	Council Response
27 th November 2023	No Open Forum submissions were received	N/A	N/A
15 th December 2023	No Open Forum submissions were received	N/A	N/A
22 nd January 2024	No Open Forum submissions were received	N/A	N/A
19 th February 2024	No Open Forum submissions were received	N/A	N/A
18 th March 2024	Bumblebee Conservation Trust	A video was played for Members that had been submitted by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, a charity dedicated to reverse the decline of bee populations, which outlined their manifesto and pledge to Government and Local Authorities to protect pollinators as pollination was crucial for a third of food production, including fruits and vegetables which contribute to healthy lifestyles	The presentation slides were to be shared with Members for their information and it was proposed that protection of pollinators was to be considered as a future working group/workshop item.
	Yorkshire Sustainability Festival	The founder of Yorkshire Sustainability Week, which was now rebranded as Yorkshire Sustainability Festival, provided an overview of the progress of the event for summer 2024 requesting wildflower seeds.	Members were requested to assist in identifying speakers for panel discussions
17 th June 2024	Leeds Children's Mayor	A presentation was provided by the Leeds Children's Mayor, from Ireland Wood Primary School, which detailed his work on addressing the climate emergency. He had been involved in various initiatives at 27 events, projects and talks since his election which helped raise awareness to climate change	Members thanked the Leeds Children's Mayor for his presentation and all his support and success with the work that aligned to the Committee.
22 nd July 2024	No Open Forum submissions were received	N/A	N/A

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23 rd September 2024	Boston Spa Energy Efficiency Trial (BEET)	Having visited Open Forum previously, an update including a video was provided on BEET, produced by Northern Powergrid to show the work that has been under way.	The Chair gave her thanks for the fascinating work and would be in contact to assist with further questions and promotion of the programme, alongside other Committee Members.
	Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)	As part of the National Education Nature Park programme, the Senior Programme Officer for Yorkshire and the Humber RHS, and local contact for the institution, provided details for upcoming events and ways to promote and engage with the events. The broad goals for the programme were to increase bio-diversity within the sites of educational institutions, facilitating climate based learning and outdoor education for children of all school ages.	The Chair outlined she had scheduled to meet with the Senior Programme Officer and Climate Ambassadors and Members outlined they would contact local schools and provide further details accordingly
4 th November 2024	Pudsey Community Project (PCP)	The Director for PCP outlined the purpose of the organisation which is charity based and part of the Leeds Community Anchor Network, operating out of West Leeds. It provides a range of services, including, a food bank, youth, employment and bereavement support, a repair café and reduce, reuse kid's clothes.	The Chair thanked Director for PCP and outlined that the Committee was supportive and were to promote the services offered by the organisation
	Horsforth Climate Action	A Hub Worker from Horsforth Climate Action outlined the multiple projects and work that they under take throughout the community, to raise awareness and address the climate emergency.	The Chair thanked Horsforth Climate Action for their wealth of work to address climate change and support a range of services and work across Leeds.
16 th December 2024	Circular Fashion Incubator CIC	The founder shared information about the Circular Fashion Incubator, initially set up as a platform for sustainable fashion shows, with an ambition being to open a hub. The forthcoming events focused on	The Chair thanked the contribution and asked for the information to be shared with members, Climate Action Leeds and Leeds Climate Commission for further promotion and support.

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